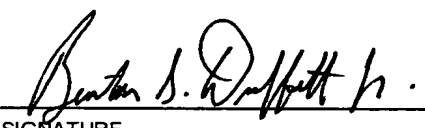


Substitute for Form PTO-1380		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 003301-214	
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/520181</b> Unassigned	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/007552		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 11 July 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 15 July 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION  COATING BLADE AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US GÜNTHER BELLMANN and SILVANO FRETÍ					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below.					
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).					
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.					
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (Signed Declaration will follow).					
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:					
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.					
14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.					
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.					
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.					
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.					
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Provided herewith is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report dated 28 October 2004 together with new Claims 1 to 17 that were provided with the letter of 17 March 2004 during the international phase of the examination. It is contemplated that such Claims 1 to 17 be prosecuted as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.</u>					

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: <u>BTG ECLEPENS S.A., Eclépens, Switzerland</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____				<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>	
22. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
Basic Filing Fee (1631)				\$ 300.00	
Surcharge of <b>\$130.00 (1617)</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than _____ months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	23	-20 = 3	x \$50.00 (1615)	\$ 150.00	
Independent Claims	2	-3 = 0	x \$200.00 (1614)	\$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00 (1616)	
Examination Fee				+ \$200.00 (1633)	
Search Fee				+ \$500.00 (1632)	
App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)					
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$ 1,150.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				+ \$ 0.00	
				SUBTOTAL = \$ 1,150.00	
Processing fee of <b>\$130.00 (1618)</b> for furnishing the English translation later than _____ months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 1,150.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00 (8021)</b> per property +					
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 1,150.00	
				Amount to be refunded :	
				charged :	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$ 1,150.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>02-4800</u> in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>02-4800</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P. P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620					
				 SIGNATURE	
				Benton S. Duffett, Jr. NAME	
				<u>22,030</u> <u>January 5, 2005</u> REGISTRATION NO.      DATE	